Reference number(s)
2397-A

SPECIALTY GUIDELINE MANAGEMENT

CALQUENCE (acalabrutinib)

POLICY

I. INDICATIONS

The indications below including FDA-approved indications and compendial uses are considered a covered benefit provided that all the approval criteria are met and the member has no exclusions to the prescribed therapy.

FDA-Approved Indications

A. Mantle Cell Lymphoma
   Calquence is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) who have received at least one prior therapy.
B. Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia or Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma
   Calquence is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) or small lymphocytic lymphoma (SLL).

All other indications are considered experimental/investigational and not medically necessary.

II. CRITERIA FOR INITIAL APPROVAL

A. Mantle cell lymphoma
Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of mantle cell lymphoma as a single agent when the member has received at least one prior therapy.

B. Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma (SLL)
Authorization of 12 months may be granted for treatment of CLL/SLL as a single agent or in combination with obinutuzumab.

III. CONTINUATION OF THERAPY

Authorization of 12 months may be granted for continued treatment in members requesting reauthorization for an indication listed in Section II who have not experienced disease progression or an unacceptable toxicity.

IV. REFERENCES

1. Calquence [package insert]. Wilmington, DE: AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP; November 2019.
2. The NCCN Drugs & Biologics Compendium® © 2020 National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. http://www.nccn.org. Accessed February 26, 2020.